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Note by the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 30 March 2004 from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the recommendations of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa with the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the Economic and Social Council on Burundi, held on 15 March 2004.

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Letter dated 30 March 2004 from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit herewith the recommendations of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa with the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the Economic and Social Council on Burundi, held on 15 March 2004 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and the recommendations could be circulated among the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

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Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict
Prevention and Resolution in Africa

Annex to the letter dated 30 March 2004 from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa addressed to the President of the Security Council

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa with the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the Economic and Social Council on Burundi, held on 15 March 2004

Recommendations on Burundi

To consider ways in which the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council can work together comprehensively to assist in peace, reconciliation, recovery and rehabilitation in Burundi:

Some responsibilities belong to the Security Council, such as consideration of the Secretary-General's recommendation of 17 March to authorize a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Burundi that would replace the African Mission in Burundi (AMIB) in support of the Arusha Agreements;

Some responsibilities belong to the Economic and Social Council, such as, through the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, keeping the transition between rehabilitation and reconstruction under consideration, on the one hand, as well as encouraging coordination throughout the United Nations system and with bilateral donors on the longer-term development priorities;

There are also complementary responsibilities shared by the Economic and Social Council, the Security Council, United Nations agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions, non-governmental organizations, subregional organizations and other partners for issues such as demobilization, disarmament, reinsertion and reintegration of ex-combatants, humanitarian assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons, and electoral processes.

To invite the Security Council, whenever a decision of dispatching a mission of the Security Council to Burundi is being made, to solicit, as appropriate, the contribution of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the Economic and Social Council on Burundi. The objective would be to review progress in both (1) the peace process and the transition as foreseen in the comprehensive Arusha Agreement; and (2) the socio-economic situation and international support to operate the transition from relief to development.

To encourage both relevant working groups of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council to take into consideration the ongoing consultation towards the successful holding of an international conference on peace, security, democracy and development in the Great Lakes region in view of the potential effect this conference will have in further consolidating peace and security, not only in Burundi, but also in the entire region.

To encourage cooperation and coordination between the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa and the Ad Hoc Advisory Group of the Economic and Social Council on Burundi as they constitute important tools for the handling by the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council of the situation in Burundi.